

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2967 - SB 2990

February 17, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all K-12 public school students to receive an individualized education disciplinary and accountability plan. These plans shall be developed by a teacher of the student, a guidance counselor, and a student's parent or guardian. The plan shall contain consequences and penalties for disciplinary violations and consider the ability of the student to conform to accepted classroom behavior and the effect on other students if a violation occurs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$42,000,000*

Assumptions:

- No impact on BEP, all costs will be local expenditures.
- There are approximately 945,000 K-12 public students.
- It is estimated that one school counselor could complete approximately 30 plans a week. The standard school year is 36 weeks or approximately 1,080 plans per year (30 x 36).
- Local education agencies do not have the personnel capacity to complete these plans within existing resources.
- Approximately 875 counselors will be needed to complete plans (945,000 / 1,080 plans).
- Each counselor will be paid approximately \$48,000 in salary and benefits. The total increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$42,000,000 (875 x \$48,000).
- According to the Department of Education, the new disciplinary plans do not supplant or replace individual education programs (IEP) and will be updated annually.
- No additional teachers will be hired to help complete the plans.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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